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Bom language

The **Bom language** (alternates: **Bome**; **Bomo**)[3] is an endangered language of Sierra Leone. It belongs to the Mel branch of the Niger–Congo language family and is particularly closely related to the Bullom So language. Most speakers are bilingual in Mende. Use of the Bom language is declining among members of the ethnic group.[4]

Bom	
Bom–Krim	
Native to	Sierra Leone
Native speakers	Krim: 15–1699 Bom: 20–a few hundred (2014)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Mel ▪ Bullom–Kissi ▪ Bullom ▪ Northern ▪ **Bom**
Dialects	Bom Krim
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`bmf`
Glottolog	`bomk1234 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/bomk1234)`[2]

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Speakers

The number of speakers range from 15[5] to 1669 (Census 2015)[6] for Krim and 20[7] to a few hundred for Bom.[8]

Classification

Bom is a Northern Bullom language. The **Krim** dialect (also known as Dilan Hassan)[3] is considered by speakers to be distinct, as speakers have separate ethnic identities.[9]

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External links

- Bom entry in the UNESCO Red Book of Endangered Languages (http://www.tooyoo.l.u-tokyo.ac.jp/Redbook/Africa/AF_src.cgi?language0=Bom&language1=0&language2=0&language3=0&language4=0&language5=0)
- EndangeredLanguages.com Profile for Bom (http://www.endangeredlanguages.com/lang/363)
- Bom Audio sample included in video on Endangered Languages (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHN6mDDlTqs)

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